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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Life Sciences Division, OSI

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THRU: Chief, RG/RB/CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (KPIC)

SUBJECT: Cosmonaut Training Center.

25X1 REFERENCES:

Requirement  
One unlabeled photograph

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1. In response to Requirement an analysis has been made of referenced photographic coverage of the Monino-Chkalovskaya region east of Moscow in an attempt to locate a possible cosmonaut training center for which a purported sketch has been made available and also for which a single ground shot has been forwarded for reference.

2. In an analysis of available overhead photography of the region it has been impossible to determine the location of the ground shot which shows the front face of a single large building at the end of an avenue of trees. This is a common occurrence and no identifying characteristics can be matched between the ground shot and the vertical photography.

3. The sketch of the supposed training center places it along the main railroad track near the town of Monino. This does not agree with aerial photography, but if the railroad shown in the sketch were the branch running southward past the east side of the Monino airfield, it is conceivable that the training center might be east of that branch instead of along the main track. In this case it would form part of the settlement of Monino as shown on AMS map sheet 5829 IV of Series N701, dated 1963. There is no evidence of recent significant structural change in the settlement of Monino.

4. In the Monino-Chkalovskaya area there is no apparent grouping of buildings and outdoor exercise areas presenting an aspect of unification that would permit identification as a cosmonaut training center. Without such identification it is not possible to make comparisons of changes that may have taken place.

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5. The photo analysis on this project was performed by [redacted]  
[redacted] CIA/PID/GMB (KPIC), who may be contacted [redacted] for any  
additional information.

6. This memo completes the referenced requirement.

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